

# SAVE OUR WATER FACTS

## We all need to save water

One of our most important resources is in trouble, and we need everyone to do everything we can to protect it now and into the future. Because every drop we save is another drop in California's waterways.

## Severe drought

Our state is facing one of the most severe droughts in recent memory, making it extremely difficult to keep water flowing reliably to our economy, our environment, our farms and our communities.

## Let's all conserve

California needs to save every drop of water it can get, and we all need to do more to conserve water. Californians have embraced compact-fluorescent light bulbs and recycling, and we can all do our share by also reducing our water use inside and outside our homes.

## Outdoors vs. indoors

Did you know that the typical Californian uses much more water outdoors than indoors? Watering the lawn, washing cars and cleaning off driveways and patios use much more water than you would think.

## Outdoor tips

Here are a few easy ways to change the way you use water outside your home: Use a broom instead of the hose to clean off outdoor surfaces. Water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler. Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. Choose a water-efficient irrigation system such as drip irrigation for your trees, shrubs, and flowers.

## Indoor tips

You can also make some easy changes to your indoor water use: Use the washing machine and dishwasher for full loads only. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run – fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water. Take shorter showers. Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor.

## We can all help

For more tips on saving water inside and outdoors, from installing aerators on faucets to investing in a weather-based irrigation controller, visit [www.SaveOurWater.com](http://www.SaveOurWater.com) and help conserve our precious water.

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